

SENATE RESOLUTION 185

By Harris

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Fredrika "Freddi" Felt upon her receipt of the Philanthropy and Leadership Award from the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body acknowledge and applaud those estimable Tennesseans who have devoted themselves to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Fredrika "Freddi" Felt, who was recently named a 2018 Legends Award honoree and the recipient of the Philanthropy and Leadership Award by the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, an honor most befitting her many years of service to the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis has, for over two decades, played a major role as a backbone organization, aligning people and resources and coordinating community-based services through the two-generation approach with the ultimate aim of reducing poverty in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, the organization encourages philanthropy and fosters leadership among women, and it honors these same virtues in those who have distinguished themselves as leaders in the community, through the Legends Award; and

WHEREAS, the Legends Award, created in 2009, honors trend-setters, visionaries, and innovators who have risen to the top of their fields and use their knowledge and skills to better the community; and

WHEREAS, Freddi Felt has served as president of the Lichterman Loewenberg Foundation since 1993; founded in 1945, the foundation supports youth services, education, the Jewish community, and other agencies whose work brings about lasting improvements in the

Memphis community. The foundation funds the Loewenberg College of Nursing, Pink Palace Family Museums, and Lichterman Nature Center and proudly supports Levitt Shell; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Felt is retired from aquatics at the Memphis Jewish Community Center, having taught all levels of swimming, including lifeguarding; she is an active Girl Scout, having served as leader for twenty-five years of Girl Scout troops 26 and 51 at the Brownie, Junior, Cadet, and Senior levels; she has served on the board of directors for Girl Scouts Heart of the South for several terms, helping organize troops and raise funds, and she has also served on the planning committee. As a council trainer, she taught new leaders outdoor skills, CPR/First Aid, canoeing, sailing, and water safety; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Freddi Felt has been honored by the National Jewish Girl Scout Committee with the Ora Award, by the Tenn-Ark-Miss Council with the Thanks Badge, and by the Girls Scouts Heart of the South Council with the 2007 Woman of Character Award and the 2017 One Smart Cookie Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Felt continues to serve on the board and committees of the Memphis Jewish Community Center and the Children's Museum of Memphis, and she is on the dean's advisory board of the Loewenberg College of Nursing at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Felt has worked diligently to better the lives of her fellow citizens, and she is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Fredrika "Freddi" Felt upon her receipt of the Philanthropy and Leadership Award from the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, extending our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.